

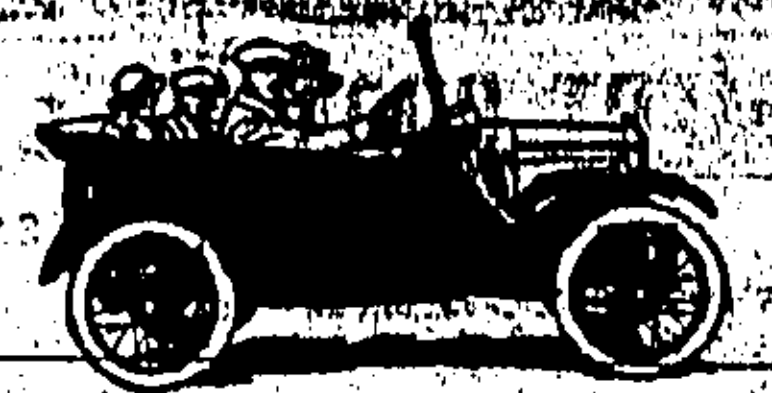
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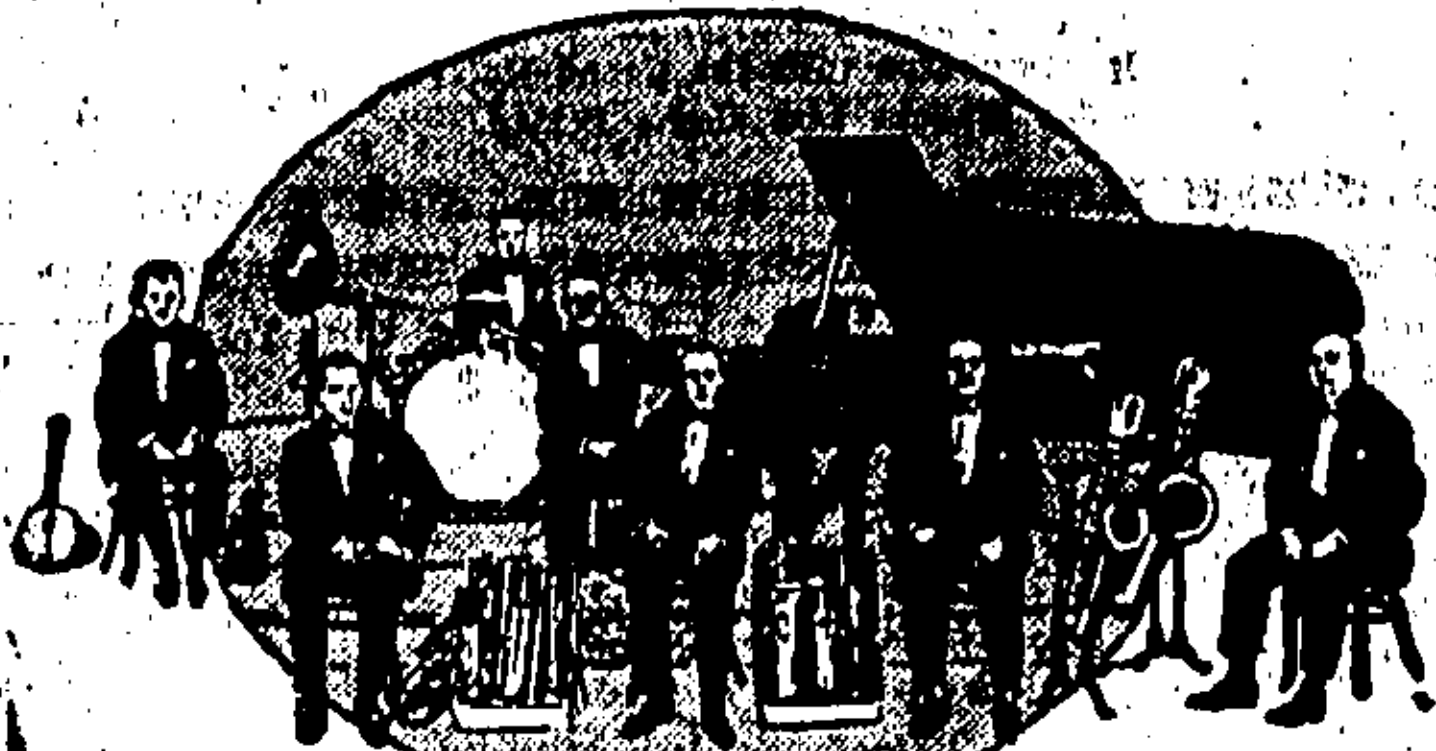


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BENGAL LEGISLATURE.
PRESIDENT PROVOQUES COUNCIL.
GOVERNOR ASSUMES CHARGE.
SWARAJISTS WELL PLEASED.
(*Reuter's Service.*)

CALCUTTA, August 27.
The President of the Legislative Council announced the prorogation of the Council *sine die*. The Swarajists greeted the announcement with prolonged cheering.
A communique explains that the prorogation of the Council is the logical consequence of yesterday's proceedings. Lord Lytton henceforth assumes charge of the transferred departments, whose ministers have resigned. The communique adds that until the Constitution is restored, the Council will only be summoned when required to transact Government business.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.
FIVE SCHEMES SUBMITTED.
FRANCE STANDS ALOOF.
(*Reuter's Service.*)

LONDON, August 27.
At a meeting at Geneva, the League of Nations' advisory committee on the opium traffic, dealing with the programme for a world conference on drug control to meet in November, considered five schemes submitted respectively by Britain, the United States, France, the Netherlands and the League Council.
Finally Holland acquiesced in the agreement reached between Britain and the United States, after which other countries concurred. But the French representative declined to accept the scheme as a draft agreement, reserving the right to oppose it when it comes before the League Assembly shortly.
The scheme contains two main points, which America considers essential. Firstly, each country must state its medicinal and scientific requirements of opium; secondly, there must be restriction on production within the limits of these requirements, and the establishment of a central board to apply this principle throughout opium producing and consuming countries.
Sir John Jordan, on behalf of Britain, submitted the suggestion that the quantity of Indian opium, exported to states regulating opium smoking, should be reduced by ten per cent. a year for a decade; and that the Governments of Japan, Siam and the Powers with possessions in the Far East should be requested to reduce their consumption of opium at the same rate. The suggestion was opposed by Mr. Campbell, on behalf of India, so it does not appear as a resolution.

GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.
LORD JELlicoe's SUCCESSOR.
(*Reuter's Service.*)

LONDON, August 27.
General Sir Charles Fergusson has been appointed Governor of New Zealand. He succeeds Admiral Lord Jellicoe.
Note: General Sir Charles Fergusson, seventh Baronet of Kilkeran, was born January 17, 1865. He joined the Grenadier Guards in 1883 and has had a distinguished military career. He was mentioned seven times in despatches in the late war and created K.C.B. (1915) and K.E.M.G. (1918). He retired from the Army in 1922.

CRICKET AT HOME.
SOMERSET V. SOUTH AFRICANS.
INTERESTING TAUNTON MATCH.

LONDON, August 27.
At Taunton, the match between Somerset and the South Africans commenced to-day in fine weather, and on an easy wicket.
Somerset were dismissed in their first innings, for 208 runs. J. C. W. MacBryan contributed 59 and J. M. Blanckenberg took 6 wickets for 76.
When stumps were drawn the visitors had to their credit 140 for 4 wickets down, R. H. Catterall being 78 not out.

WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.
MAY OPEN NEXT YEAR.

LONDON, August 27.
Reuter learns that the Dominion Government have been asked to reconsider their decision against reopening Wembley Exhibition next year.

EXCITEMENT IN REICHSTAG.
COMMUNISTS AND DEMOCRATS.
PUBLIC JOIN IN FIGHT.
LONDON PACT WILL BE SIGNED.
(*Reuter's American Service.*)

BERLIN, August 27.
It is officially announced that the Reichstag will be dissolved in the event of rejection of the London Pact which, however, will be signed in any case by the Government on August 30.
There was a free fight this morning in the Reichstag between the Communists and Democrats, one of the latter being struck in the face by a Communist. This led to a general melee; tremendous uproar ensued wherein the public joined. With expressions of disgust, the President valiantly tried to restore order. He finally left the House after suspending the sitting for a short time.

SEQUEL TO DISTURBANCE.

There was an exciting sequel to this morning's disturbance in the Reichstag. On the resumption of the sitting, President Wallat ordered the suspension of three Communists; the latter declined to depart. Herr Wallat dramatically ordered the clearance of the public galleries, while the recalcitrants were forcibly ejected. Twenty-five detectives, who trooped into the Chamber, were greeted with ironical laughter and the singing of the "Internationale" by Communists. The culprits finally departed peacefully.
The Dawes Bill was read a second time. The decisive reading was postponed until August 29, when the closest voting is clearly foreshadowed.

SS. "ARABIC" IN HURRICANE.

EIGHT PASSENGERS INJURED.
(*Reuter's American Service.*)

NEW YORK, August 27.
The White Star liner s.s. "Arabic," which is due to arrive here from Hamburg in a few hours, has sent a wireless message asking for eight ambulances to be ready. They are required for passengers, who were injured when a hurricane struck the vessel last night and damaged her.

BOLIVIAN TIN.

AMERICAN PURCHASE MINES.
(*Reuter's Service.*)

WASHINGTON, August 27.
American interests have purchased the Bolivian tin mines at Llallagua Uncia; they have also bought the Machaca Marca Uncia railway. The price is \$27,000,000. The properties are said to produce 50 per cent. of the Bolivian tin output.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

ORDERS TO ROYAL ENGINEERS.

COLOGNE, August 27.
It is announced that the British War Office has ordered the suspension of all new works performed by the Royal Engineers in connection with military requirements, except emergency repairs.

BRAZIL REBELLION.

SURRENDER OF REBELS.
(*Reuter's American Service.*)

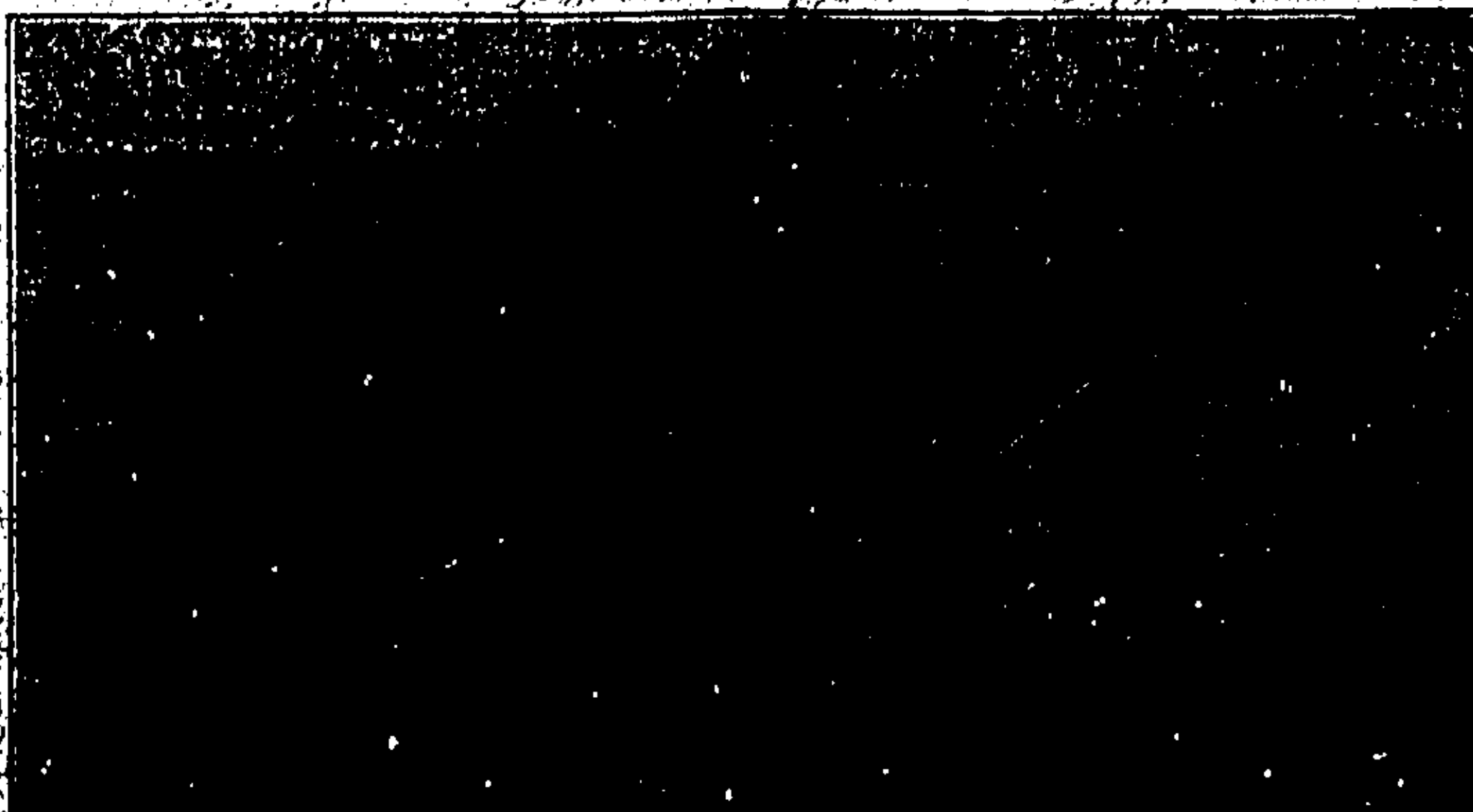
NEW YORK, August 27.
The Brazilian Consulate announces that the rebellion of the Amazonas has ended. The rebels surrendered at Port Quilica.

RUGBY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BRITISH AGAIN DEFEATED.
(*Reuter's Service.*)

PRETORIA, August 27.
The British Rugby team, touring the country, lost the local fifteen here to-day. The score was 6 points to all in favour of the home team.

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LAMMERT BROS.
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Hongkong, August 28, 1924.

SMUGGLING GANG.

**MOTOR-BOAT CARGOES
DODGE CUSTOMS.**

London, July 24.—Operations by a cleverly organised gang of Continental smugglers have just come to light.

It is now known that during the last few years they have succeeded in bringing into this country many thousands of pounds worth of goods on which the McKenna duties imposed a tariff of 33.1/3 per cent.; it is only by reason of the fact that the duties are to be abolished that information as to their schemes has leaked out.

Jewellers, both wholesale and retail, have been puzzled by the fact that occasionally large parcels of watches of Swiss make have been offered to them at prices which it was considered would not recompense the makers, to say nothing of the profit for the middle-man, in view of the McKenna duty leviable on them.

It is now revealed that an organisation having its headquarters in Switzerland moved quantities of watches to Holland and at one of the Dutch fishing ports chartered a fishing-boat.

"The rest was simple," said an authority. "The cases of watches were placed on board and the skipper was told to put out into the North Sea as if for the purpose of fishing, but if approached by a motor-boat was to hand over the cases."

£6000 CARGO.

"The English members of the gang were ostensibly members of one of the many motor-boat clubs which have sprung up all round the coast, and no surprise was occasioned when they went out cruising. Nor did anyone consider it his business to examine the motor-boats when they eventually returned to port after a lengthy trip."

They would run a cargo valued at about £6,000 at a total cost to them of about £200 instead of £2,000, which would have had to be paid in duty in the ordinary way. They have now ceased their operations because with the McKenna duties coming off on August 1, there is no longer any need to run the slightest risk."

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THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Volkart, from Havre.
Yap Hong Kwi The Great Eastern Hotel, from Amoy.
Lun On, from Shanghai.
Glover, from Kobe.
Limbalist S/S Empress Asia, from Fisher Island, New York.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st August, 1924.

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List of unclaimed telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hongkong.
Orralino, from San Francisco.
Makela, from London.
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Viktor, from Auckland.

M. E. P. ARRY,
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Hongkong, 21st August, 1924.

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MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Sculptor's Death.

Mr. Albert Bruce-Joy, who died

on July 22 aged 82, was one of

the most prolific and industrious

sculptors of modern times. His

monuments are to be found all

over England—in Westminster

Abbey, the House of Commons,

and other places in London; in

Manchester, Liverpool, Birming-

ham, Barrow-in-Furness, Sheffield,

Birkenhead, and Canterbury; and

across the Atlantic in New York,

Philadelphia, and Boston.

The Wrong Meeting.

An amusing election error

occurred in the Holland (Lincoln-

shire) by-election.

A party of Liberal speakers

mistook the village of Whaplode

for Weston Hills, and started to

address an audience that was

waiting at Whaplode.

Subsequently they found that

the meeting they were addressing

had been called by the Conserva-

tive candidate, so they went on to

their own meeting at Weston Hills.

New Cargo-Planes.

Official contracts are now being

placed, at a cost of £40,000, for new

air express and cargo-planes, and

when they are built they will

be handed over by the Air Ministry

to Imperial Airways for commercial

work. One big machine is to be

driven by a couple of powerful air-

cooled engines. Another, a very

swift single-engine express, is to

have main planes, with hinged,

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landings to be made at appreciably

slower speeds than would be possi-

ble with ordinary wings. A third

machine, a big goods-plane, will

be capable of longer non-stop

flights, fully-loaded, than any craft

at present in commercial use.

Drastic Beer Ban.

Prohibition authorities are rejoic-

ing at the drastic action taken by

Mr. Henry Ford to enforce the law

among his thousands of workmen.

The motor-car manufacturer has

had posted in all his plants, shops,

and offices the following curiously

worded warning: "From now on

it will cost a man his job without

any more excuse or appeal being

considered, to have the odour of

beer, wine, or liquor in his breath,

or to have any of these intoxicants

on his person or in his home.

The Eighteenth Amendment is

part of the fundamental law of this

country. It was meant to be en-

forced. So far as our organisation

is concerned it is going to be

enforced to the letter.

New Winged Death.

A winged incendiary rocket

which the inventor, Ernest Welch,

declares will spread a rain of molten

metal over a wide area with de-

vastating results, has been given

preliminary tests with satisfactory

results, according to persons who

were present. Full Government

tests are to be made shortly. The

British, French and American

governments have displayed inter-

est in the invention, it is declared,

and a definite offer is reported to

have been received from America.

Mr. Welch asserts that the ex-

plosion of the rocket will destroy

everything in its range, penetrat-

ing even steel and asbestos.

Ex-Empress's Holiday.

For the first time since he be-

came a virtual prisoner within the

walls of the Forbidden City 12

years ago, when he was forced to

abdicate the throne of China, the

youngful Hsuan Tung has been

permitted to venture outside of

Peking. He recently motored

to the historic Summer Palace, relic

of the folly of the erstwhile em-

press dowager and the scene of

many extravagant court functions

marking the downfall of the

Manchus. With his bride of some-

thing more than a year, the heir

apparent spent hours wandering

among the ruins; crossed the minia-

ture lake upon which the palace

faces, and returned to Peking by

way of the Jade Fountain, another

familiar outlying palace of interest

JUDGE AND COUNSEL

CALCUTTA HIGH COURT

INCIDENT.

Calcutta, July 23.—A remarkable

incident occurred this after-

noon in the Court of Mr. Justice

Page. While Mr. S. C. Bose

(Counsel on behalf of a defendant

in a suit) referred to certain

discrepancies in the order of the

case Mr. Justice Page asked

Counsel to sit down. Mr. Bose sat

down, but asked the Court's

permission to rise again. Mr.

Justice Page refused permission

and asked Counsel to leave the

Court.

When Mr. Justice Page was

about to rise at 4.30 p.m. the

Advocate-General, addressing his

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 29th August (both days inclusive).

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th July, 1924.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Examinations will commence on MONDAY, November 17th, 1924. Forms of entry and copies of Regulations and Syllabus can be obtained on application to the Registrar.

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(3) The Peace Memorial Scholarships of the total value of \$1,215 each, open to British boys of pure white descent.

(4) One Hongkong Government Scholarship of the value of \$1,000 per annum, open to Candidates from all Hongkong Schools for Boys.

(5) One Hongkong Government Scholarship of the value of \$1,000 per annum, open to Candidates from all Hongkong Schools for Girls.

(6) Four Montagu French Prizes, two of \$50 and two of \$25.

Bound copies of Examination Papers, set at past Examinations can be obtained from the Registrar, Price \$1 per set.

(Sd.) C. A. MIDDLETON, SMITH,
Acting Registrar.
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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, September 5th, 1924, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14th August, 1924.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1924.

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STAGE SUPERSTITIONS.

Every trade or profession has its own superstitions, but I think the stage is the worst of all. I remember when I was quite a novice on the stage, endeavouring to clean out my make-up box, as it certainly looked very dirty and untidy, when to my horror I heard about six voices in the tiny dressing-room yelling at me: "What are you doing? You mustn't clean out your make-up box until the run of the piece is over."

"It's very unlucky," added another girl. "It might get us all the sack." I couldn't help thinking that if the show had a very long run my make-up box would be past cleaning.

Another time I had to walk upstairs on to a balcony affair to make my exit, when I stumbled and fell. Feeling a most awful fool, I picked myself up and made as dignified an exit as possible. But when I got off one of the girls remarked: "Well, you are lucky! A new contract for you, dear." This was welcome intelligence, as our piece was coming to a close.

FORGET THE SOAP.
Then, if you should leave a piece of soap behind in the dressing-room while on tour, it means that you will make a return visit to that theatre. Dropping a brush in the dressing-room is supposed to mean fresh work. Of course, it must be dropped by accident.

Once our dresser was missing when we had a very quick change to do, and one girl was fastening another girl's frock up. I hastened to help the former and fasten her dress. "No, no," they both cried, "not there! It's awfully unlucky!"

Of course, everyone knows the prejudice against whistling in the dressing-room. It is supposed to mean that the one nearest the door will receive her notice. Oddly enough, I have witnessed this come true on more than one occasion.

SHOOTS LOVER.

Paris, July 16:—A 20-years-old Polish girl, Mile, Umiska, shot and killed her Polish lover in hospital here yesterday because, she said, she could not bear to see him suffer.

The man, M. Zoznowski, described as a Polish writer, was slowly dying of an incurable disease. When visiting him yesterday the girl, taking advantage of the temporary absence of a nurse, took a revolver from her handbag, levelled it at her lover's head, and fired. He died instantly.

"He suffered too much," the girl told the doctor who hastened in. "I could not leave him like that, so to deliver him from his sufferings I killed him. I would rather see him die at once than die slowly."

The girl is now suffering from a nervous breakdown.

"Do you think that I can make her happy?"

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"What a lot of cricketers names begin with a 'h'!" remarked an Oval enthusiast to his companion. "There's 'Obbs,' and 'Aig,' and 'Enders,' and 'Eame,' and 'Owell.'"

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"Habel!" said his friend. "Habel don't spell 'his name with no 'h'!"

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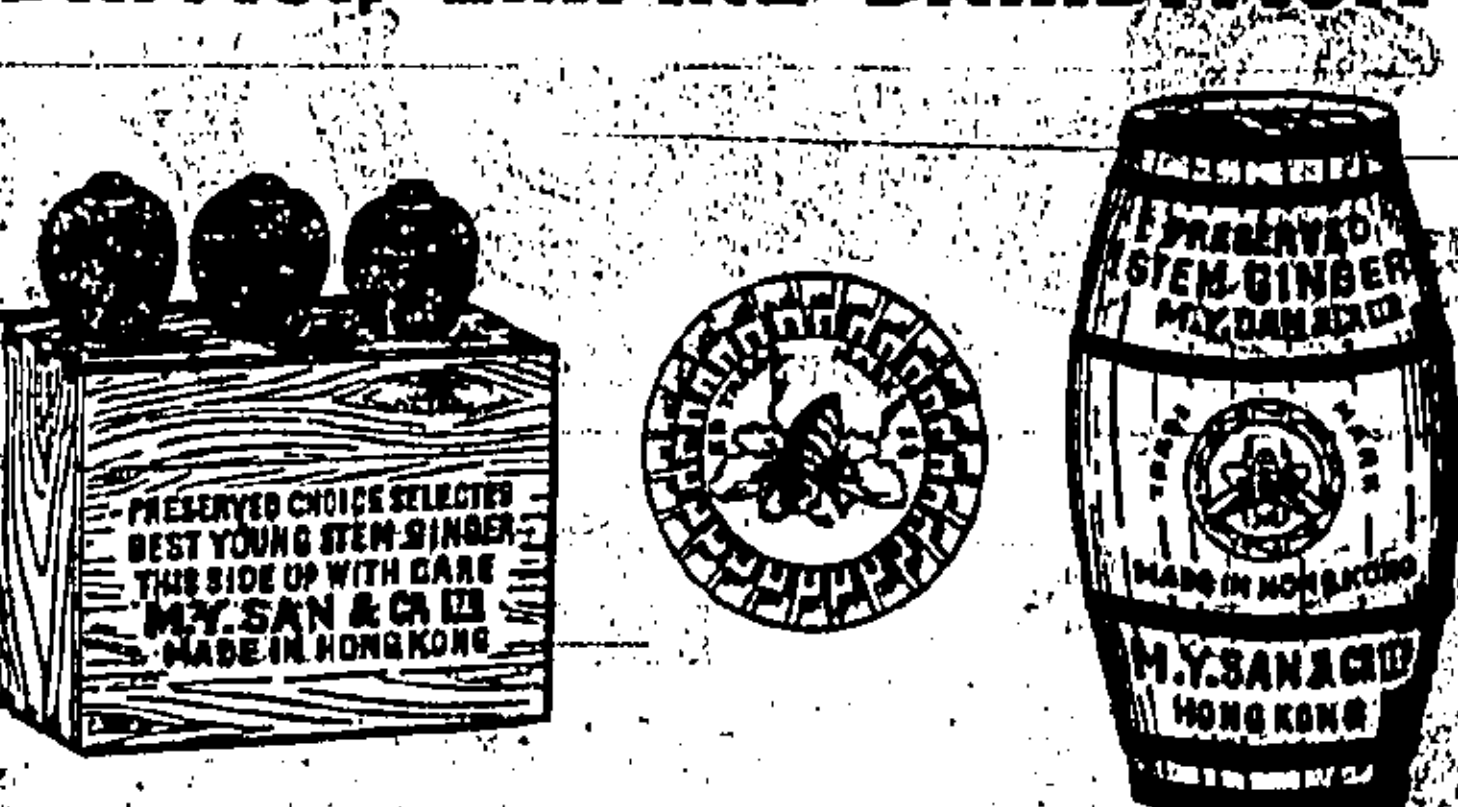
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PERTINENT HEALTH
POINTS.

Although we had not intended to refer to the Colony's obsolete health system again until after to-day's Legislative Council meeting, when the problem could have been reviewed anew in the light of the Government's reply to the Unofficial Members' resolution, certain statements have been made which we feel should not be allowed to pass without comment, since they might easily mislead the public when weighing the merits of to-day's debate. One of these statements claims that little constructive suggestion has been offered. That we think is slightly beside the mark when the "China Mail" has all along been pressing for a commission to study the health system, and to suggest that

than putting together fanciful boards, since it is not even certain that a board is the best system to cope with peculiar local conditions. Moreover little headway can be expected when the facts are not fully understood. That they are not fully understood we suggest is clear from the curious error that has now been made in more than one quarter, namely that the Principal Civil Medical Officer is the obvious Chairman for any health board that may be created. This official is not the obvious chairman for such a post, for although he doubtless has some knowledge of health work, his duties are chiefly confined to the control of the hospitals. The Principal Civil Medical Officer has nothing to do with sanitation and other kindred problems; these are the sphere of the Medical Officer of Health, and represent an entirely different field for which special knowledge and experience are required. Clearly then if the Chairman for any new health board is to be a qualified man, and more so, the Unofficial

Members are urging, he should be the official with expert knowledge of public health hygiene. Further proof of this can easily be adduced. Suppose that the Government, instead of creating a health board transformed the Sanitary Department into a proper health service, who would be the obvious head of that service? Certainly not the head of another department altogether. This confusion regarding the Colony's health system is only another argument for a commission; and although we had not intended at this stage to criticise to-day's resolution, fearing that adverse comment might possibly weaken the Unofficial Members' case against the Government, it compels us to voice the feeling that the resolution, useful though it is, dissipates its force by going into details, thus enabling the Government to drag more than one red herring across the path and possibly so to delay reform indefinitely. The resolution, in our opinion, should have concentrated solely upon the need for an adequate health system. Once that point had been gained, once the Government had been compelled to admit that reform is urgently necessary, then would it have been time enough to consider what system should be adopted in the best interests of the Colony's health. Doubtless the Unofficial Members felt that commissions are as a rule unsatisfactory, that their recommendations have an unfortunate way of being shelved. Although we can sympathise with this view, at the same time we feel that the Unofficial Members would have had far greater hope of inducing the Government to adopt a compromise like appointing a commission, as it has done in the case of almost every other acute local problem, than in winning its consent to the drastic steps proposed in the resolution, such for instance, as removing a cadet from the post of chief health official, a move which would be resisted if only because it might be taken as a prelude to attacking the position of other cadets like the Captain Superintendent of Police, which in turn would threaten the entire cadet system. All this is written of course before the debate in the Council has taken place, but though we may possibly have to modify our views after we have read this afternoon's speeches, we most strongly maintain that a commission is the sensible thing to demand, not so much because the Government, after its long apathy, is more likely to concede a commission than any sudden drastic reforms, but because we hold the problem must be studied in all its varied aspects as governed by peculiar local conditions before any decisive action is taken. Moreover we feel that startling as the official statements are that have already been made regarding the Colony's obsolete health system they would pale before the evidence that could be collected by a really determined commission.

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Hongkong's Welsh.

The experience of all who have wandered far from home is that distance, so far from weakening the ties which bind them to their native land, actually strengthens their national spirit and the desire within them for the companionship of their fellow countrymen. Thus it is that we group ourselves into national societies and here in Hongkong we have just as many as are the nationalities of the British Isles. Those of us who may not be members of them, or if members take no further interest than attending the annual ball or dinner, may find it hard to realise the help they often are to people who have few other means of getting to know kindred spirits than those provided by the meetings or picnics organised in connection with them. But there are plenty in the Colony who owe to such gatherings the acquaintance of meeting those who are now their best friends. We are always glad to do anything which lies within our power to help such societies, and we have decided to open up our columns to one which does not receive a great deal of publicity—the St. David's Society of Hongkong. Hereafter a regular feature of Saturday's "China Mail" (commencing August 30) will be a column of Welsh notes and comment. It will be remembered that weekly notes in Welsh were published in our columns during the closing months of last year and when they were discontinued we received requests to restart them in English. The continual growth in membership of the St. David's Hongkong Society leads us to believe that they would be welcomed; for there must be many who do not have Welsh papers sent out to them who would like to keep in touch with events in Wales and any developments elsewhere which may effect its national life. The writer of the notes is in touch with the Cymdeithas Dewi Sant Hongkong and news of its activities will be published.

Now Or Never.

With Canton in the throes of a general strike Europeans, who have not followed the trend of events up there, are beginning to wonder where it is all going to end. One or two claim to have predicted years ago that open disagreement between the *de facto* government and the public would have to come sooner or later. In their attempt to remain in power the rulers have extended their calls on the civil population for funds, with which to govern and with which to maintain huge armies to keep out rivals. It was felt that, at some time or other, "the last straw" stage would be reached, and it seems as if the camel is now making an effort to throw off the whole load. As hinted by our Canton correspondent in yesterday's issue, there must be a number of merchants who are loath to join the strike solely on the Volunteer arms issue. It now remains to be seen whether the ruled or rulers will decide what taxes are to be paid to keep the Canton Government going; but there is every indication that the majority of the merchants have made up their minds that it is a case of now or never to shake off their excessive burdens.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 28-31.—Coronet Theatre; "The Little Minister."
August 28-30.—World Theatre; "Fishing Palms."
August 28.—Queen's Theatre; "Prisoners of Love."
August 28-30.—Star Theatre; "Only A Shop Girl."
Friday, Sept. 26.—Promenade Concert at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.
August 30.—V.R.C. fourth night swimming fête, 9 p.m.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
August 29.—Lammet Bros. at Sales Room, a collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.
October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.
October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Yesterday a man jumped from the first floor of No. 600, Canton Road into the street. He appeared to be suffering from a fit of insanity. He was removed to hospital.

Prof. Danenberg is leaving for Japan on a holiday to-morrow on the "Empress of Asia." Before his return to Hongkong, his 7-year old son will give a Piano Recital in Shanghai.

Five passengers were injured, and two seriously burned by a motor bus catching fire on Wednesday at Hei-loi in the province of Ouei-shai, says an Amsterdam message.

The Polish Premier has instructed the Polish Minister at Washington to conclude the funding of the Polish debt amounting to thirty-five millions sterling. It has been decided to commence negotiations for the funding of the debt to British agents, says a Warsaw message of August 27.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Li Tam, coolie, charged with theft of a pine wood pole at Tai Kok Taul, was sentenced to two months' hard labour this morning.

Charged with the theft of a plank of wood from the hill side of Morrison Hill, yesterday afternoon, Ng Sam was sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning to three weeks' hard labour.

Arraigned before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, for having in his possession eight "Shun Pui" lottery tickets, Chan Yee was fined \$50 or four weeks' hard labour.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Shek Lin-fut, charged with preparing opium in an unnumbered house at Yu Chan Street, on August 27, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Court this morning, two coolies Tsang Kwai and Yan Fat, were fined \$5 each for assaulting a motor-bus driver at Coronation Road on the afternoon of August 27.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Lan Hoi, charged with climbing up a water-pipe at the back of No. 26, Square Street, with intent to commit a felony at 9 o'clock, last night, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Ng Kam Wing was summoned for failing to keep the left side of the road, whilst riding a bicycle at the junction of Gascoigne Road and Nathan Road on August 27. A fine of \$5 or 7 days' hard labour was the verdict.

Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning fined Chung Ling \$50 for emptying offensive refuse into a receptacle on the hill side of Broadwood Road outside house No. 21, yesterday. Ng Kin for dumping house refuse in Nialah Lane this morning was fined \$5.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Chau Kam, charged with being in possession of 5,000 "Capstan" cigarettes at No. 60, Connaught Road, Central, yesterday, without paying duty, was mulcted in the sum of \$250, or two months' hard labour. The cigarettes were confiscated.

Property in Hunghom was put up for auction yesterday at Messrs. Lammet's salerooms, and was the cause of some spirited bidding on the part of a number of Chinese. The property in question was subsection 2 of Section A of Hunghom Island Lot No. 239, upon which there were three buildings erected, known as Nos. 20, 22, and 24 Hunghom West. Under Crown Lease there is an unexpired residue of 75 years from January 1903 yet to run. The area of the property is 2,445 square feet. The lot was offered for sale subject to a reserve. Bidding commenced at \$18,000 and rose rapidly by bids of \$500 to \$20,000. Then after a brief cessation, another \$100 was called, and by similar stages it crept up to \$22,100, at which price the hammer fell to a bid by Mr. Wong Leung-shi.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. Van Driel Endt, of the Texas Company, arrived in Hongkong by the "Kitano Maru."

President Coolidge, says a Reuter telegram, has appointed Mr. James R. Sheffield Ambassador to Mexico.

Arrangements are being made for a Promenade Concert at Volunteer Headquarters on the night of September 26. Details will be published later.

A Reuter message from Plymouth, Vermont, U.S.A. confirms yesterday's telegram that Mr. Bancroft has been appointed American Ambassador to Japan.

Passengers, who left by the E. and A. s.s. "Eastern" included Capt. R. C. Thompson, Mr. A. C. Leslie Elwood, Mr. A. E. Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. J. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fraser.

A fatal accident overtook a young and popular Shanghai resident last week. It appears that while Mr. C. F. Harris, of 64 Route des Saussaies, was coming down stairs he slipped and fell to the bottom. When picked up, he was found to be extinct. Mr. Harris was a member of the United Insurance Society of Canton, being in charge of the book-keeping department in Shanghai. He was formerly a member of the Shanghai Fire Brigade. He was 37 years of age and leaves a widow and two children, who are at present in Kailash. His parents reside in Shanghai. Mr. Harris had a wide circle of friends and was liked by all with whom he came in contact, yesterday afternoon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GALLANT HARBOUR RESCUE.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—As reported in this morning's papers, Mr. E. L. Stainfield of the Supreme Court undertook a gallant rescue at the Star Ferry pier yesterday in which he lost a valuable diamond ring.

Some of your readers may remember that Mr. Stainfield and his brother rendered even better work in the terrible 1906 typhoon. About thirty boat people, who had got into danger in the Bowington Canal at the height of the typhoon, were pulled out by the Stainfields under very difficult circumstances.

Yours etc.,
P. H. S.

Hongkong, August 28.

THAT MURDER TRIAL.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—All this mawkish sentiment about the recent murder trial is surely somewhat out of place. On the evidence, as published in the press, a clearer case of premeditated murder has never been before the Courts. Doubtless, His Excellency the Governor, if he sees fit, will use his prerogative of mercy, when the time comes for him to consider the sentence in Council. As you hinted, in a leader on the subject, the unwritten law is being pleaded too frequently now-a-days.

Yours etc.,
(Sd.) MURDER WILL OUT.
[This letter and the suggestions of our correspondent "Justice" will be dealt with to-morrow.—Ed. "China Mail."]

OUR HARBOUR.

MARINE REGULATIONS INFRINGED.

Various offences on the harbour resulted in a number of prosecutions at the Marine Court this morning when Lieut. Commander G. F. Holo, R.N., sat as Magistrate.

For not having a certificated engineer on board the motor-boat "San Wo Fat" on August 16, the master was fined \$7.

The owners of six cargo-boats were each fined \$5 for mooring in shore at less than 100 yards from the sea-wall last night.

On August 17 a police officer called upon the master of the motor-boat "Whampoa 2" to produce his licence and he failed to do so. His omission cost him \$5.

Through ignoring a police order to stop on August 18 the coxswain of the steam-launch "Wing Sing" is \$5 the poorer, having had to pay this sum in a fine.

Frankness in admitting that he had previously been punished for a similar offence brought the owner of a coolie-boat a fine of \$30 for carrying yesterday 15 passengers in excess of the number provided in his licence.

All the defendants mentioned pleaded guilty to the respective charges but the master of the motor-boat "Hon Hung" pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of failing to produce his licence on August 17. According to the evidence he showed the police officer his coxswain's certificate as he did not realise that it was the licence for the craft that was required. His explanation was accepted and he was discharged.

OBITUARY.

MR. LEE CHOON-GUAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, August 28.

The death is announced of the Hon. Mr. Lee Choon-guan, M.L.C. The late Mr. Lee Choon-guan was one of the wealthiest Chinese merchants in the Straits Settlements. He was a well-known leader of the community and greatly respected in official and social circles.

SMALL-POX.

HONGKONG DECLARED FREE OF INFECTION.

The following telegram has been received by the Colonial Secretary from the British Consul-General, Batavia:

"My telegram August 21, Hongkong declared free from infection of small-pox."

STABBED IN THE BACK.

A Chinaman named Ching Ping-chai was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from stab wounds in his back, said to have been inflicted by a number of men, whom he could not identify. The assault took place in Bonham Strand last night, when he was engaged in a fight with a group of men.

FOOD SUPPLY.

VEGETABLES FROM CANTON.

PRICES STILL HIGH.

Anxiety regarding the expected stoppage of supplies of fresh vegetables from Canton on account of the strike has been somewhat allayed, as considerable quantities came down by last night's steamers, despite a previous report that exporters up there had ceased making shipments.

Vegetables of all kinds reached Hongkong this morning. An explanation given is that, although the wholesale exporters in Canton had closed their doors, their agents were still making deliveries to them from up-country and they had to dispose of the stock in the usual manner, i.e., by sending down a portion to Hongkong.

It was predicted by the comprador of one of the river-steamers that shipments would not be entirely cut off, although the Canton dealers were "nominally" on strike. Despite the fresh arrivals, prices both wholesale and retail did not come down this morning. Yesterday it was alleged that profiteering had started and that speculators had bought up the majority of available stocks. To-day it seems as if exploitation of the situation is to continue, but if supplies are kept up prices will have to come down automatically. Fresh water fish is still coming down as usual.

GALLANT ACTION.

MR. STAINFIELD RESCUES CHINESE GIRL.

VALUABLE RING LOST.

Virtue, we are being continually reminded, brings its own reward, so too are many who perform kind or even brave actions expected by the world to find sufficient reward for their self sacrifice in the thought of the good that they have done.

Fortunately, it is few who would think of expecting more and Mr. E. L. (Teddy) Stainfield, acting bailiff of the Supreme Court, is certainly not numbered among these. His action, in diving into the Harbour yesterday afternoon and rescuing a little Chinese girl who had fallen from the Star Ferry launch, was the instinctive act of a gallant gentleman and was done without the least thought of public acknowledgment. All the same, it is more than hard luck when gallantry leads to the loss of a cherished possession and Mr. Stainfield deserves all the public sympathy he is getting over the loss of a valuable ring, which slipped from his pocket. The ring was worth in money, £150 and, being the property of his wife, is worth even more to Mr. Stainfield.

TENANTS' RIGHTS.

FUNCTION ON A RETAINING WALL.

Another tenant v. landlord case, involving the provision in the Rents Ordinance that a landlord desiring possession of premises for the purpose of rebuilding should notify the tenant of the exact nature of the reconstruction, came before Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball in the Summary Court this morning, the action concerning three tenants at 284 Queens Road Central.

Mr. E. C. S. Brooks was for plaintiff and Mr. J. T. Prior for defendants.

Mr. Brooks said that the three actions were for possession by the landlord against various tenants, of the ground, second and third floors. Notice to quit was issued on January 25, and the service of that notice was not disputed. The following were the particulars of reconstruction "as supplied to the tenant": "To demolish the premises with the exception of the party walls on either side and to erect a four storied building with two storied verandahs and a 3 feet 6 inches balcony on the top floors. The existing party walls would be cut in the centre increased in thickness to 22" the full height of the building, and built in cement mortar."

Mr. A. E. Wright, Building Authority, was called by Mr. Prior and said that the plans of the proposed reconstruction as originally submitted were approved by him and subsequently, disapproved owing to the thickness of the party walls, not being sufficient to comply with the Ordinance. If the alterations were carried out according to these plans he would not be prepared to certify the building as new.

After legal argument as to the function of a wall which it was proposed to retain, the new building, judgment was reserved.

On arrival here, from Saigon, the Norwegian captain, of the s.s. "Stroment", in his report to the Harbour Office, stated: "August 27 1924. Birth of Chinese boy (on board)—all well."

"ALMOST MEDIEVAL."**COLONY'S OBSOLETE HEALTH SYSTEM.****UNOFFICIALS' CRITICISM.****Laissez Faire Policy Strongly Condemned.**

Hongkong's obsolete health system was the subject of a very important debate in the Legislative Council this afternoon when the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak submitted his resolution pressing for a board and department of public health with a qualified chairman. The Unofficial Members were very outspoken in their criticism, as will be seen from the speeches we have been able to print this afternoon. Mr. Holyoak described the existing Sanitary Board as "almost medieval" in its powers and sphere of action, and the other speakers were not less pointed in their remarks. The resolution which Mr. Holyoak submitted was as follows:—

1.—That it is the opinion of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council that the jurisdiction of the Sanitary Board and Department should be extended:—

(a) in order that food may be properly inspected and controlled.

(b) in order that a campaign against flies and mosquitoes may be properly organised and efficiently conducted.

2.—(a) That the constitution of the present Sanitary Board and Department be enlarged in order that they may function as a Board and Department of Public Health—such new Board and Department to have complete analytical and bacteriological control of the water supply of the Colony together with all the powers of the present Sanitary Board and Department.

(b) That the "Head" of the Board and Department shall be one with the necessary special qualifications in Public Health.

NEED FOR REFORM.**Strong Public Opinion.**

Mr. Holyoak said:—Sir,—It was evident from the moment the President of the Sanitary Board somewhat lightly flouted the strong public opinion behind Dr. Koch's resolutions at the Sanitary Board Meeting held on August 12 last, that the matter would not end there, and must find other representation.

The Resolutions which I have proposed, and which represent the considered opinion of us all, are the natural outcome of that feeling which has found voice in the Press and the general public is, I can assure you, Excellency, very strongly behind that expression.

The first Resolution asks that the jurisdiction of whatever Board and Department survive this debate should have its authority extended beyond the present limits of New Kowloon. There are important markets which have grown up both in old Kowloon and in the New Territory which should be made subject to its control and at present, under the Ordinance, escape it. This highly important resolution will be now fully dealt with by my Honourable friend representing the Justices of the Peace who, as a member of the Sanitary Board, has studied this subject more closely than I can pretend to have done, though no one who is familiar with the Philippine Islands and Honolulu can fail to have been impressed with the great attention which has been paid by our American friends to the eradication of flies, mosquitoes, water purity, the training of midwives, the treatment of stagnant pools, and the extraordinary improvement in health conditions which has resulted from it, and the conspicuous absence of almost all such applied hygiene here.

"Almost Medieval."

I pass now to the discussion of Clause 1 of the Second Resolution which I have moved, namely, "That the constitution of the present Sanitary Board and Department be enlarged in order that they may function as a Board and Department of Public Health—such new Board and Department to have complete analytical and bacteriological control of the water supply of the Colony together with all the powers of the present Sanitary Board and Department."

Scarcely a town of any importance in England is there, which has not its Board and Department of Health, yet this port, with its great shipping and vast trade interests and its population of upwards of 1,000,000 people is controlled, from a health point of view, by a Sanitary Board which is almost medieval in its powers and sphere of action in public health matters and must wait upon the will of some other department in connection with vital questions affecting public health instead of being in the position to demand and control.

The Sanitary Board originated in 1893, was enlarged in 1897, but first came into prominence as a department during the great plague year of 1894 and beyond scavenging, has largely confined its attention to plague and its prevention ever since. That it has met with the success it has done in this direction is surely a convincing argument for extending and augmenting its present powers. Epidemics of smallpox, spinal meningitis and lately typhoid have broken out within recent years and in the case of the earliest plague outbreak, the Colony

has again had to rely on voluntary assistance, freely and ably given, not the least of which were the two smallpox vaccination campaigns, the first by "St. John's Ambulance Brigade," the last by the "Boy Scouts," for work which we submit the board should have been properly organised and equipped to undertake and, we are fortunate that no worse epidemic has befallen us.

Drift Must Stop.

This Colony has long suffered and still suffers from the fact that neither the Home Government, nor at times, this Government, recognise that it is no longer a "babe in arms" but a full grown lusty man, capable of forming judgments and of insisting upon improvements and reforms in local matters which their necessity is clearly proved, and in the present instance the policy of "laissez faire," evidenced by the "President" of the Sanitary Board when, in answering Colonel Fitzgerald's reference to the increase of malaria, he deprecated the reforms asked for in Dr. Koch's resolution, suggesting that they should "go on as at present doing what they could." That is precisely what the Colony is not content to do and because it is determined that matters should no longer continue to drift that I have moved the resolutions named.

We have asked that the suggested board and department should have complete analytical and bacteriological control of the water supply of the Colony, and the necessity for this as well as the wisdom, of it, has surely been amply demonstrated in the revelations made in connection with the recent outbreak of typhoid, and we are convinced that the present arrangement of allowing the bacteriological examination to be performed by an officer already overburdened in his work, is not safe and should no longer continue, indeed the "water problem" of the Colony has now become so large a one that we are not sure that it would not be desirable to separate the water control entirely from the admittedly badly overworked Public Works Department, and a separate "water board" constituted, though in such case adequate analytical and bacteriological control would also need to be provided—we should imagine that the Director of Public Works would welcome the divorce.

Qualified Head Required.

My resolution closes with the demand that the "head" of the board of department shall be one with the necessary special qualifications in public health. I believe that under the Ordinance of 1897 the "P.C.M.O." was the President of the Board and it was not until the 1903 Ordinance came into force that a "chief" became the President of the Board. We are unanimous in our admiration for the excellence of our Civil Service Administration in this Colony and the conspicuous ability of very many of its cadres; but whatever may be said in defence of the system which makes their appointments as interchangeable—as they frequently are, surely it cannot be upheld when it becomes a question of what is or should be a Public Health Department, and we are convinced that the "head" of this Department should be a medical officer of high qualifications and large experience in sanitary and public health hygiene. The reforms will mean increase of staff and of course cost more money, but the Colony needs them and must afford them. The Sanitary Board, has done excellent service in the past, but as this edition went to press, with

limitations, it is out of date with the needs of the Colony, and for the reason that we are all convinced that there is an urgent need for reform, I submit the resolutions standing in my name, confidently anticipating they will be unanimously passed by this Council.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster seconded the resolution, but as he spoke extempore, we are unable to include his speech in this issue.

HON. MR. BIRD'S VIEWS.

"Complete Overhaul Necessary."

Mr. H. W. Bird said:—In supporting the resolution now before this Council, I venture to make some suggestions relating to the control of public health matters in this Colony.

I know how easy it is to criticise and how impossible it is to create a Utopia at a moment's notice, particularly in a place like Hongkong where so many of the inhabitants take no interest in health matters, but there can be no doubt that the machinery which propels the Public Health service of this Colony has not kept pace with the growth of the Colony and now a complete overhaul is necessary.

Quarantine Station.—In spite of the fact that Hongkong is one of the biggest shipping ports of the world we have no Quarantine Station. It may be said we have got on very well up to now without one. That may be. But one never knows when such an institution may be urgently needed. It is not very many years ago that several cholera cases arrived here in a ship and they had to be housed in junks. Can we be proud of that?

Disinfecting Station.—Here again we have no proper Government disinfecting station. What has been done in this direction up to date has been carried out by private enterprise—how does the Government justify this state of affairs?

Second Class Port.

League of Nations.—I believe it to be a fact that on account of the lack of these two important medical qualifications Hongkong ranks only as a 2nd Class Port in the League of Nations.

Infectious Diseases Hospital.—I know an Infectious Diseases Hospital does exist in name at Kennedy Town. Is the Government proud of it? And does it do credit to our Colony?

Ambulances.—We have seen a lot of correspondence about the lack of ambulances and whilst not accepting all one reads as Gospel without hearing the other side of the case, on enquiry there does seem to be a grave lack of this very necessary accommodation. I would suggest the immediate acquisition of a launch to be fitted up for ambulance purposes, to work in connection with the motor ambulance and be under the control of the same authority who should be able to give instructions relating to its use at all times of the day or night. Further I would like to see an attendant with some nursing qualifications on the launch and motor ambulance during the transit of patients.

Water Supply, Etc.—The purity of the water, milk and food supply should be the special care of the Board.

Malaria.—I speak subject to correction but I understand that this disease is on the increase in this Colony. If this is the case I should like to know the Government explanation.

Outline of a Board.

Constitution of the Department.—I would suggest, Sir, that the Board of Control be entirely reconstituted. Firstly let it be greatly enlarged.

The President should undoubtedly be someone possessing a Public Health Degree.

I do not see the need for the P.C.M.O. on the Board, his work in his own capacity being chiefly administrative.

The M.O.H. should be the Principal Medical Officer of the Board, under him the Health Officer of the Port, two assistant M.O.H.s, one for Hongkong and one for Kowloon, and another medical man with special qualifications as an Entomologist and Malarial expert. The Bacteriologist and Analyst would also be members.

In addition to these technical men I suggest one or two leading citizens such as the heads of big shipping and merchants firms who have big interests at stake in the Health of the Colony; the Director of Public Works, Director of Education, Forestry Department, and of course several prominent Chinese.

CANTON STRIKE.**POSITION MUCH THE SAME.****Latest Prospects.****IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.**

Despite a threat by the Canton Civil Government that unless the Canton merchants resumed business by eight o'clock yesterday morning, no responsibility would be taken for disorder in shops on strike, a large number of merchants are still on strike.

The fortunes of war seem to be fluctuating. While one class of business resumes another joins the strike movement. On the whole, the number of shops closed has decreased since yesterday's report. Retail establishments and eating-houses in particular are nearly all open.

DANGEROUS SITUATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, August 28. There is no important change to report in the Canton situation. To-day a report was current that the Government would defer action till noon to-day.

Although the strike is now by no means "general," it is still felt that a continued deadlock will prove intolerable for the Canton Government and that important developments may take place before the week is out. However, there are some who still hope that the dispute may be talked out before then.

THREAT TO STORES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, August 27.

Ruses and counter-ruses are being employed by the Government and the bourgeois in the present dispute which arose over the detention by the authorities of a large shipment of arms on the s.s. "Hav," allegedly, for the Canton Merchants' Volunteers Corps.

Persuasion by the authorities resulted in the department stores on the Bund resuming business. It was rumoured that the Government informed the department stores that unless they dissociated themselves from the general strike, steps would not be taken to prevent disorder on the premises. After replying that it was of little use opening when there were no customers, the emporiums did make a pretence of resuming business. The Sun Co., for instance, opened one gate on the Bund but kept the side and back doors closed and put up their shutters at a much earlier hour than usual.

Other shops also came in for attention and, in the majority of cases, yielded. To cope with the Government's step the bourgeois leaders are said to have devised a plan of sending out customers to "blackleg" shops, and there make purchases with banknotes issued by the Central China Bank whose recent proposed issue—sponsored by Dr. Sun Yat-sen's government—drew much opposition from the merchants.

Native bankers give the appearance of being the strongest adherents of the economic boycott and general cessation. There is hardly a banking establishment open to business in the Western Suburb, the old city and the new city. Each of these firms includes in its staff several Volunteers but none of these are to be seen. They may be "on duty" in multi or may have gone up-country.

Order Maintained.

Although the fleet of tow-boats which maintain regular communication with up-country ports are not to be seen in Canton harbour, supplies of foodstuffs and other essentials are still coming in. An embargo has been placed on the export of rice but on no other commodity. Several bags of rice which were being taken on board a river steamer to-day for "ship's stores" were stopped by the police and prevented from being taken on board.

People are still leaving for both Hongkong and Macao. The number of regular troops in the city does not seem to have been increased and the police still preserve order.

CHINESE TAKE ACTION.

At a meeting held at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at 2.30 p.m. yesterday afternoon, the Chairman, Mr. Li Yai-tsun, and other members decided to immediately

GOLF.**SUMMER MEETING.**

Weather permitting, the Summer Meeting, under the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, will take place on Saturday and Sunday next. The competition is being held at Happy Valley.

PREMYSLAV CONCERT.

There was another large audience present in the Star Theatre last night when M. Leopold Premyslav, violinist, and Mme. Eugenio Premyslav, cellist, gave their second concert, ably assisted by Mr. Harry Ore, at piano. That the audience thoroughly enjoyed itself, goes without saying. All three artists were in excellent form and fully deserved the enthusiastic applause which greeted each item.

A red-haired boy applied for a position in a messenger office. The manager, after engaging him, sent him on an errand in one of the most fashionable districts. Half an hour later the manager was called to the telephone and the following conversation took place:—"Have you a red-haired boy working for you?"

"Yes."

"Well, this is the butler at Oakland House, where your boy came to deliver a message. He insisted on coming in the front way, and was so persistent that I was forced to get a stick."

"Surely you didn't strike him?"

"No, but I want my stick back."

ately despatch a telegram to Generalissimo Sun Yat-sen and the Civil Governor, at Canton. The message was in the following sense:—

Text of Telegram.

"The Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the twenty-four trade guilds, and the Commercial Unions of the various districts and the merchants of Hongkong, in view of the general cessation of business throughout the Kwangtung Province, which has adversely affected the trade of Hongkong, express the earnest hope that the Canton Government will have the matter speedily settled, lending an ear to popular opinion in order to relieve the distress of the people."

The object of the meeting was to discuss means by which business throughout Kwangtung Province may be resumed at an early date, the cessation being due to the detention by the Canton authorities of the arms shipped on the s.s. "Hav" for the Kwangtung Volunteer Corps.

Messrs. Ho Kwong, Ho Wing, Chan Chak-U, Hon. R. H. Kotewall, J. M. Wong, Wong Kwong-tin, S. W. Tso, Tam Wing-kwong, Kwok Tsun, Ma Wing-tsun and a number of other Chinese prominent in the Colony were present. The meeting broke up at half past three.

IN THE "PROVINCES."**STRIKE SPREADS UP-COUNTRY.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Paknei, Kongmoon, August 27. Kongmoon is expected to join in the general strike, but normal conditions still prevail to-day.

It has been confirmed that the merchants at the following towns are already on strike, in sympathy with the Canton movement:—Wong Lin, Lak Lau and Koon Shan. The Volunteers at these places enforce martial law every night.

The silk town of Kow Kong has also joined the movement and a native has informed me that 200 Volunteers have been sent to Fatsan. A number of Volunteers are also reported to have left Shek Ki for Fatsan.

Tai Loung, capital of the Shun Tak silk district, has acted in sympathy and business houses there have been closed.

At Kongmoon a recruiting campaign has been started by the Volunteers, drill and instruction being carried out daily.

Later.

Kongmoon, Kung Yick and other towns in the Shunung and Sunwui districts are all expected to strike to-morrow, but the districts are still quiet. It is believed that business will be suspended to keep in line with Canton.

Since Kanchuk was attacked by bandits and Kow Kong ravaged by Yunnanese troops, the merchants have been busy organising their corps of Volunteers which will act in conjunction with the Hong Kong Volunteers. Mr. Li Yai-tsun, former Hong Kong magistrate, is mentioned as the nominee for the position of commandant of the united corps, but it is not known if he will consent to serve.

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INQUESTS.

INDIAN CONSTABLE FOUND DROWNED.

JURY'S SEVERE CENSURE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindell (Coroner) and the following jury: Mr. L. A. Tobias, Mr. M. E. Melmer and Mr. R. I. D. Noronha held enquiries into the death of Wong Wong and Akbar Khan.

In the first case a verdict of death from "natural causes" was returned after medical evidence had been given.

The second enquiry concerned the death, on July 26, of Akbar Khan, an Indian constable employed on special guard duty on the s.s. "On Lee."

Mr. Lindell informed the jury that it appeared that on that date, the deceased and some of his comrades bathed from a sampan, and that Akbar Khan who jumped into the sea, was caught by the tide and drowned. The necessity for the enquiry arose because no efforts seemed to have been made by the personnel of the "On Lee" towards rescue.

Lieut.-Comdr. F. C. Hunot, R.N., at present acting Medical Officer in charge of the Victoria-Mortuary, testified that on July 29 he examined the dead body of an Indian male which was identified in his presence as that of Akbar Khan. It was in an advanced state of decomposition, which made diagnosis of the cause of death difficult. Witness was, however, of opinion that death was due to drowning.

Sergt. H. W. Fraser, in the witness-box, said that on July 28 he was in charge of the police guard on the s.s. "Tal Lee," which had arrived at Pakkai, on the West River, from Hongkong. Some Customs officers called him to a wharf where he saw, in the water, the body of an Indian dressed in khaki shorts. Witness had the body taken on board the "Tal Lee," and it was brought to Hongkong on July 29.

Sergt. D. Reid, officer-in-charge of the police guard of the "On Lee," giving evidence, stated that on July 26, the vessel was lying in the stream at Pakkai. There was no rule preventing the guards from going for a swim when off duty. A number of Indians came up to witness and reported that Akbar Khan had disappeared in the river. Witness went along the bank, but he understood that the tragedy had occurred half an hour earlier, so nothing more could be done.

An Indian constable gave evidence as to having joined another constable, and the deceased in swimming from a sampan which was lying alongside the "On Lee." As always, there was a strong current running. Deceased suddenly disappeared when he was about 20 yards away from witness. Witness did not go to his assistance or to look for him, being too tired at the time to go far from the ship. He and the other constable returned to the "On Lee," changed their wet clothes for dry ones, and then looked from the shore.

Severe Censures.

Mr. Lindell: So you thought more of changing your clothes than you did of your dying or possibly dead companion?—We did look from the bank.

Mr. Lindell: After you had changed your clothes.

At this point the witness returned a sequence of conflicting answers, but eventually asserted that he got on the sampan to go and change his clothes, fully convinced that his comrade was dead.

The Chinese "boy" of the Chief Officer of the "On Lee," gave evidence, telling how he went to his master and said "Indian man go swim, fall down." A number of divergent answers made by the witness gave rise to an exclamation from Mr. Lindell to the jury, "Gentlemen, this witness is lying."

Mr. F. E. A. Martin, Chief Officer on the s.s. "On Lee," stated in evidence that as soon as he heard of the loss of an Indian, he reported to the captain, who decided that nothing could be done so long after the fatality. Witness admitted that a boat could have been lowered, but remarked that there was no one to do it. The crew had gone ashore for tea.

Answering the Captain Superintendent of Police, who watched the enquiry for the police, witness denied that an Indian policeman reported the fatality to him, or pointed out the spot where deceased had sunk.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, addressing the Coroner, asked that the facts might be placed before the Harbour Master, for him to take any steps he thought fit, with respect to those certificated on the "On Lee" under the Merchant Shipping Act.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death by Misadventure through

LAWN BOWLS.

THE INTERPORTS.

SHANGHAI FIXTURES.

The Hongkong Interport team is due to arrive in Shanghai on September 1, and the team from Hankow on the 3rd. All possible arrangements are being made by the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association to entertain the visitors during their stay. The programme follows:

HONGKONG MATCHES.

Tuesday, September 2, v. Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club.

Wednesday, September 3, Interport game against Shanghai.

Thursday, September 4, v. Yang-tszepoo Lawn Bowls Club.

Saturday, September 6, Interport, Hongkong v. Hankow.

Monday, September 8, v. Junior Golf Club.

HANKOW MATCHES.

Thursday, September 4, v. Shanghai Recreation Club.

Friday, September 5, Interport, Hankow v. Shanghai to be played on the Recreation Club's green.

Saturday, September 6, Interport, Hankow, v. Hongkong, to be played on the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club green.

Monday, September 8, v. Yang-tszepoo L. B. C.

Tuesday, September 9, v. Shanghai L. B. C.

Wednesday, September 10, v. Junior Golf Club.

Two of the interport games, Hankow v. Hongkong and Shanghai v. Hongkong will be played on the Bowls Club green.

and that between Shanghai and Hankow will be played on the Recreation Club's green.

All other matches will be played on the ground of the Club the visitors are meeting.

In the match with Hongkong, the following players have been selected to represent Shanghai:—G. McMurdo (skip), C. W. Porter, A. McAllister and S. C. Young. Reserves: J. Robertson and J. Tomlinson.

For the Hankow match, Shanghai will be represented by R. C. Aitkenhead, G. J. Campbell, G. B. Stornes, and A. McGregor. Reserves: A. A. Malcolm and H. Vitch.

HONGKONG TEAM.

The following will represent Hongkong:—W. Withenspoon (Taikoo R.C.), A. S. Mill (Civil Service C.C.), J. Clark (Police R.C.), C. Atkinson (Kowloon D.R.C.), A. Gouinlay (Kowloon D.R.C.), U. Omar (Indian R.C.) Reserve: J. MacLachlan (Taikoo R.C.)

TENNIS LEAGUE.

K.C.C. DEFEATED.

The U.S.R.C. met the K.C.C. in the re-play for the Tennis League Championship yesterday afternoon and beat them by 56 games to 43.

The match, in accordance with arrangements, was played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground and attracted a fair number of spectators.

For the victorious team, Col. Russell Brown and Capt. Dods played very fine tennis, and out of the 33 games they secured 24. Commander Grace and Lieut. Commander Worthington secured 16 out of 33 and Col. Montague Bates, partnered by Major Hattersley Smith, also secured the same number.

For the K.C.C. Hyde and Fincher played well and came off successful with 21 games out of 33; whilst Green and Lay obtained 17 out of 33. The weak spot in the team was the play of Krebs and Abraham, who only managed to secure five games.

At the end of the first series of 33 games, the U.S.R.C. were 3 games up; this advantage they increased to ten games at the end of the second series and finally they came out victorious by 19 games.

The U.S.R.C. have now to meet the Indians and the winners of this match will be the champions of the first League.

The detailed results were as follows:—

Montague Bates and Hattersley Smith lost to Green and Lay, 5-3; lost to Fincher and Hyde, 2-9; beat Krebs and Abraham, 9-2.

Grace and Worthington lost to Green and Lay, 4-7; lost to Fincher and Hyde, 3-8; beat Krebs and Abraham, 9-2.

Russell Brown and Dods beat Green and Lay, 7-4; beat Fincher and Hyde, 7-4; beat Krebs and Abraham, 10-1.

Hyde and Fincher, who were the Indian police constables on board, who watched the drowning man, and made no attempt to save him, and also a severe censure to the crew and officers of the s.s. "On Lee," who also seemingly did not do so much as they could have done.

and added the following rider:—

"I suggest that, a severe censure should be given to the Indian police constables on board, who watched the drowning man, and made no attempt to save him, and also a severe censure to the crew and officers of the s.s. "On Lee," who also seemingly did not do so much as they could have done."

CHINA'S WARS.

FIGHTING POSSIBLE NEAR SHANGHAI.

MUTINY AT WOOSUNG.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, August 27.

It is reported that General Lu's soldiers at Woosung mutinied today, declaring they did not want to fight. It is also reported that mutiny has broken out at Wushu, but it is not possible to confirm these and other numerous rumours at present. It is understood that Chih Sien-yuan's troops are concentrating at Iseng near Wushu, and that Lu Yung-hsiang's troops are concentrating at Changching on the other side of the Taihu lake.

Tuchun Chi Hsieh-yuan controls the Nanking-Shanghai line to within forty miles from Shanghai. Nevertheless, one ordinary passenger train from Nanking got through to-day and European officials are endeavouring to arrange to get some trains through in each direction daily; but nothing is guaranteed, everything depending upon military developments.

RUSSIA.

CHICHERIN ON CLAIMS.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, August 27.

Mr. Chicherin has been interviewed in regard to Russian claims for compensation for personal injury and loss of property as a result of "foreign intervention" in Russia. He emphasised the importance of such claims in any future negotiations of the Soviet with Britain or other foreign powers, which participated for its consequences.

REPARATIONS

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 27.

It is stated that the Reparations Commission has invited the New York lawyer Seymour Lewis to accept the appointment of permanent Agent-General for Reparations. Mr. Lewis was formerly Under Secretary to the Treasury at Washington during the Wilson and Harding administrations.

Meanwhile, Mr. Owen Young acts as Agent-General and hopes to have the office machinery working within three months.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 27.

In the Scottish League, the Rangers defeated Queen's Park by 3 goals to 1.

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MIRACLE OF BEAUTY.

London, July 14.—Everybody is talking about the new Liverpool Cathedral, to be consecrated on July 19, in the presence of the King and Queen and a dignified assembly of some half a hundred archbishops and bishops.

This monumental piece of art and of religious faith was designed by a youth of twenty-one. Mr. Giles Gilbert Scott, R.A., was no other than that when in a London architect's office he conceived the ambitious idea of entering the competition, in 1901, for a design for the new Liverpool Cathedral. It was a prize the nation's cleverest architects were after.

The firm which employed him were competitors. Young Scott, saying nothing to anybody, worked out his designs in his spare time. He rose early in the morning and, absorbed in his task, was perhaps on occasion late at the office.

GREATEST GOTHIC BUILDING.

And he was successful. The judges, who were the late Mr. G. F. Bodley, R.A., and Mr. Norman Shaw, R.A., declared that Mr. Scott's plans were original and monumental in conception, informed with close acquaintance of detail, and feasible of execution.

This young man will have had the honour of creating the greatest modern Gothic building in the world. It is singular coincidence that another young man also created in Liverpool what Mr. Norman Shaw declared to be the greatest modern classical building in Europe—St. George's Hall. The architect of that building, Harvey Lonsdale Elmes, was only twenty-three when in 1835 he won, among eighty-six competitors, the award for the plans of St. George's Hall. Elmes, unhappily, died before he saw the completion of the building that gave him fame.

Mr. Scott's grandfather, Sir Gilbert Scott, was styled "the destroyer of churches" by those who disliked his work as a "restorer." The architect of the Liverpool Cathedral is being acclaimed as the creator of a new Gothic Renaissance.

PERFECT WORK.

The cathedral which this brilliant young architect has planned is the only great Anglican cathedral to be built in England for seven centuries (for Truro is small and Westminister is Roman Catholic). It will be inferior in size to only two cathedrals in Europe—St. Peter's at Rome and the Cathedral of Seville. It is to be half as large again as York Minster or St. Paul's, our largest English cathedrals.

Internally the cathedral is a miracle of beauty. The fabric as a whole might have been more complete, and the present interior less satisfying, had not the committee adopted the policy of spending their available money on making each section perfect, with all its equipment, furnishings, decorations and carvings, rather than on pushing on with the outward walls. An opposite method was adopted with Westminster Cathedral, in the building of which the external completion was made the first consideration. At Liverpool the building, up to date, comprising the choir, two transepts, chapter-house (given by the Freemasons), choir aisles, vestries and lady chapel and a portion of the great central space above, which the tower is to be erected, is finished.

One of the main purposes of the architect in designing the building has been the creation of a Gothic cathedral equal in beauty to any of the older cathedrals, but meeting the needs of a population which has multiplied many times since they were built. For that reason it will when completed accommodate a congregation of 8,000 people on ceremonial occasions.

The choir and transepts now ready will seat 1,200. For small services the lady chapel, which was the first portion of the building to be built, has for some time been in regular use.

Solidity is the prevailing characteristic of the cathedral, which is built of native red sandstone. It gives the impression that everything has been worked out of one titanic block of stone. There is none of the restlessness shown in many Gothic churches in which flying buttresses and all sorts of supports and ornaments seem to be "stuck on." Even the magnificent reredos is carved out of warm red sandstone, lined with gilding, and is a part of the fabric. The central bas-reliefs in this, by the way, are representations of the Crucifixion and the Last Supper.

BACKED BY FAITH AND MONEY.

What most impresses the visitor to the new cathedral is the almost unbelievable fact that in an age which is condemned for its shoddiness, its passion for the meretricious and the ephemeral, an architect of genius and courage, backed by faith and money and appreciation and taste, has been able to create not merely an incomparable piece of art, but to contribute materially to the development of a style which many people believed had reached perfection and had even begun to decay. For it is a characteristic of this cathedral that it is a copy of nothing, an imitation of nothing, a reproduction of nothing, a mere repetition of old styles.

It makes possible an understanding of what Robert Louis Stevenson felt when he wrote in "An Island Voyage": "I find I am never weary of great churches. It is my favourite kind of mountain scenery. I find myself never so happily inspired as when I made a cathedral."

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THE GOLDEN BOOK.

A new cathedral can hardly claim this quality, and yet the building at Liverpool has already gathered a share of memories and traditions. Its north-east transept, for example, is a memorial of the Great War, and on a cenotaph enclosed in glass is a Golden Book of the dead that might have been illuminated by the monks of old, so finely is it wrought, containing the names of 40,000 men of the Liverpool Diocese who fell in the tragic conflict that wasted Europe.

Most of the windows, too, are memorials to great men and women of history. One of these is dedicated to a poor woman named Kitty Wilkinson, "Catherine of Liverpool," who, in the early part of the nineteenth century, nursed the people through a cholera epidemic. No saint better deserved a window in a cathedral. Her practical Christianity began the establishment of public baths and wash-houses, and Liverpool's early and efficient system of these was due to her initiative.

The great window behind the choir, one of the largest in the world, for it is seventy-six feet in height and forty-four feet wide, directly associates the cathedral with Liverpool's chief industry. A worthy memorial to a great shipowner, the late Mr. Ismay, the founder of the White Star Line.

WINDOWS OF MEMORY.

Here also is a window to Mary Rogers, heroine of the wreck of the Channel steamer "Stella," which foundered off the Casquets in 1899; and another to Grace Darling, Elizabeth Fry, the prisoners' friend; Josephine Butler, Charlotte de la Trémouille, that Countess of Derby who defended Lathom House heroically during the Civil War; Mrs. Gladstone; Christina Rossetti; Elizabeth Barrett Browning; Annie Clough, sister of a Liverpool poet and the first Principal of Newnham—the memorial windows to these all bring to the new cathedral that hallowed influence of the older buildings which have long been washed by passing waves of generations of humanity.

The Liverpool Cathedral even in its unfinished state imparts to the beholder some great emotion similar to that inspired by the surprise view of a mountain whose crown of snow has caught the light of dawn or sunset.

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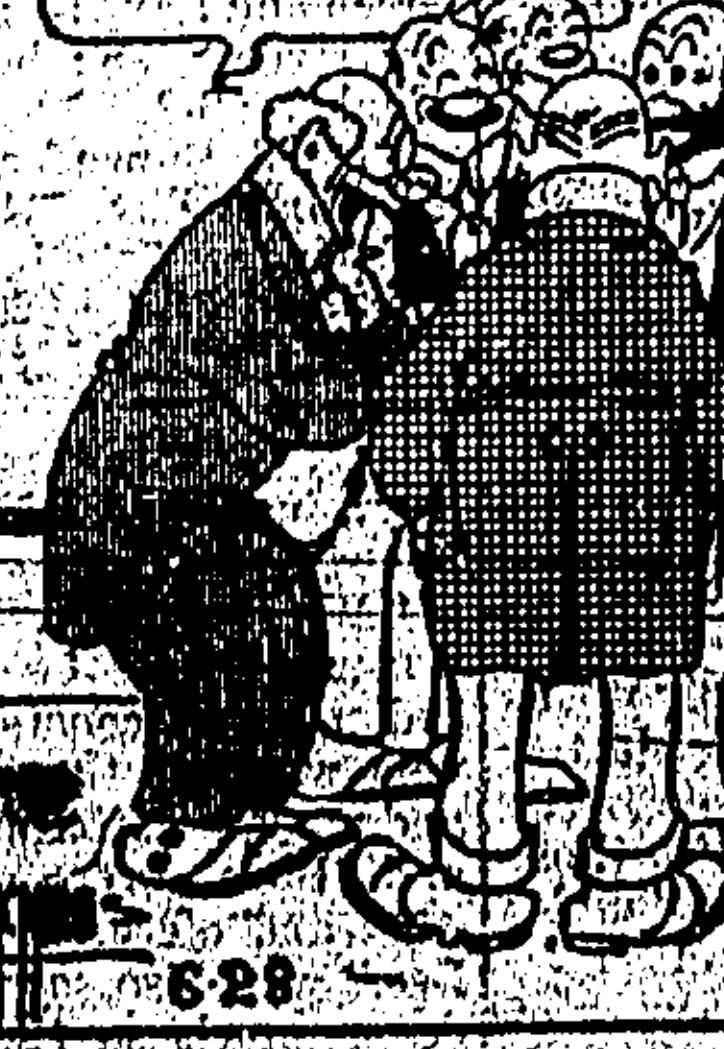
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central districts.

A typhoon may be forming to

the south of Guam.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24

hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day,

0.00 inch. Total since January 1st,

82.33 inches, against an average of

64.87 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending

at noon on August 29, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel.

S. or variable winds, light; fair.

2.—South coast of China

between Hongkong and Lamooks,

S. or variable winds, light; fair.

3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock,

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Saturday 9.15

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Thursday 5.30

Friday 9.15

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ONLY A SHOP GIRL

The work was hard and the hours long—and the manager's glance was more than friendly.

She gave way to the glitter of jewels and fine clothes.

Who paid for it all?

Who usually pays?

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Usual prices: Children and Service men half price.